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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 2874

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO REDUCE VARIATION OF EXCESS FIBER
LENGTH IN BUFFER TUBES OF FIBER OPTIC CABLES

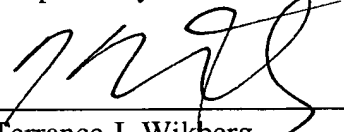
REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability (Paper No. 20040108) dated January 16, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests a corrected Notice of Allowability to properly indicate the allowed claims as claims 1-3, 5-12, 15-36, 38-47 and 50-87. Claims 84-87 were added in the November 19, 2003 amendment and are allowable for at least some of the same reasons, as the remaining claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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